

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A pulse generator comprising a plurality of unit cells, wherein an n^{th} unit cell (n is a natural number more than 2) generates a pulse in response to a divided-by-N clock signal (N is a natural number), a signal output from an $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell and a signal output from an $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell, ~~wherein the pulse is a gated version of the divided-by-N clock signal wherein the n^{th} unit cell comprises:~~

a first NAND gate that NANDs the signal output from the $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell and the signal output from the $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell;

a first inverter that inverts a signal output from the first NAND gate;

a second NAND gate that NANDs the divided-by-N clock signal and a signal output from the first inverter;

a second inverter that inverts a signal output from the second NAND gate and outputs the pulse as an inverted signal; and

a latch that latches a reset signal and the signal output from the second NAND gate.

2. (Original) The pulse generator of claim 1, wherein the n^{th} unit cell is reset or generates the pulse, the width of the pulse being equivalent to the width of the divided-by-N clock signal, based on the logic level of the signal output from the $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell and the logic level of the signal output from the $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell.

3. (Original) The pulse generator of claim 1, wherein phases of the signal output from the $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell and the signal output from the $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell are changed with a time difference.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The pulse generator of claim [[4]] 1, wherein the second NAND gate comprises:

first and second positive metal oxide semiconductor (PMOS) transistors; and

first and second negative metal oxide semiconductor (NMOS) transistors,

wherein the divided-by-N clock signal is input to a gate of the first PMOS transistor and a gate of the first NMOS transistor, and a signal output from the first inverter is input to a gate of the second PMOS transistor and a gate of the second NMOS transistor.

6. (Currently Amended) A pulse generator comprising a plurality of unit cells,

wherein a divided-by-N clock signal (N is a natural number), a signal output from a second output terminal of an $n-1^{\text{th}}$ unit cell (n is a natural number more than 2), and a signal output from a third output terminal of an $n+1^{\text{th}}$ unit cell are input to a first input terminal, a second input terminal, and a third input terminal of an n^{th} unit cell of the plurality of unit cells,

wherein the n^{th} unit cell outputs a pulse whose width is equivalent to the width of the divided-by-N clock signal to a first output terminal of the n^{th} unit cell in response to the signals that are input to the first, second and third input terminals of the n^{th} unit cell,
~~wherein the pulse is a gated version of the divided-by-N clock signal wherein the n^{th} unit cell comprises:~~

a first NAND gate that NANDs the signal which is output from the n-1th unit cell and input to the second input terminal of the nth unit cell, and the signal which is output from the n+1th unit cell and input to the third input terminal of the nth unit cell;

a first inverter that inverts a signal output from the first NAND gate;

a second NAND gate that NANDs the divided-by-N clock signal input to the first input terminal of the nth unit cell and a signal output from the first inverter;

a second inverter that inverts a signal output from the second NAND gate and outputs an inverted signal as the output signal of the nth unit cell; and

a latch that latches a reset signal, and a signal output from the second NAND gate.

7. (Original) The pulse generator of claim 6, wherein the nth unit cell is reset or outputs the pulse whose width is equivalent to the width of the divided-by-N clock signal to the first output terminal of the nth unit cell, based on the logic level of the signal output from the third output terminal of the (n+1)th unit cell.

8. (Original) The pulse generator of claim 6, wherein phases of the signal output from the second output terminal of the n-1th unit cell and the signal output from the third output terminal of the n+1th unit cell are changed with a time difference.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The pulse generator of claim 9 6, wherein the second NAND gate comprises:

first and second PMOS transistors; and

first and second NMOS transistors,

wherein the divided-by-N clock signal is input to a gate of the first PMOS transistor and a gate of the first NMOS transistor, and the signal output from the first

inverter is input to a gate of the second PMOS transistor and a gate of the second NMOS transistor.

11-12. (Canceled)

13-18. (Previously Canceled)

19. (New) A pulse generator comprising a plurality of unit cells, wherein a divided-by-N clock signal (N is a natural number), a signal output from a second output terminal of an $n-1^{\text{th}}$ unit cell (n is a natural number more than 2), and a signal output from a third output terminal of an $n+1^{\text{th}}$ unit cell are input to a first input terminal, a second input terminal, and a third input terminal of an n^{th} unit cell of the plurality of unit cells,

wherein the n^{th} unit cell outputs a pulse whose width is equivalent to the width of the divided-by-N clock signal to a first output terminal of the n^{th} unit cell in response to the signals that are input to the first, second and third input terminals of the n^{th} unit cell, wherein the n^{th} unit cell comprises:

a first NAND gate that NANDs the signal which is output from the $n-1^{\text{th}}$ unit cell and input via the second input terminal of the n^{th} unit cell, and the signal which is output from the $n+1^{\text{th}}$ unit cell and input via the third input terminal of the n^{th} unit cell;

a first inverter that inverts a signal output from the first NAND gate;

a second NAND gate that NANDs the divided-by-N clock signal input via the first input terminal of the n^{th} unit cell and a signal output from the first inverter;

a second inverter that inverts a signal output from the second NAND gate and outputs an inverted signal as an output signal of the n^{th} unit cell;

a first transmission circuit that responds to the signal output from the second NAND gate and the signal output from the second inverter;

a second transmission circuit that responds to the signal output from the second NAND gate and the signal output from the second inverter;

a third NAND gate that NANDs a reset signal and a signal output from the shared node and outputs the result of NAND to the third output terminal of the n^{th} unit cell; and

a third inverter that inverts the signal output from the third NAND gate and outputs an inverted signal to the second output terminal of the n^{th} unit cell.

20. (New) The pulse generator of claim 19, wherein the second NAND gate comprises:

first and second PMOS transistors; and

first and second NMOS transistors,

wherein the divided-by-N clock signal input to the first input terminal of the n^{th} unit cell is input to a gate of the first PMOS transistor and a gate of the first NMOS transistor, and the signal output from the second inverter is input to a gate of the second PMOS transistor and a gate of the second NMOS transistor.

21. (New) A pulse generator comprising a plurality of unit cells, wherein an n^{th} unit cell (n is a natural number more than 2) generates a pulse in response to a divided-by-N clock signal (N is a natural number), a signal output from an $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell and a signal output from an $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ unit cell, wherein the pulse is a gated version of the divided-by-N clock signal.